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**Mr. Stephen A. Knox
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Dear Mr. Knox:

This is in response to your letter dated June 2, 1992, which provided supplemental information to the National Association of Marine Surveyors Inc.'s (NAMS) application, submitted October 6, 1991, to become an "accepted organization" as provided for in Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 28.73.

This letter designates NAMS as an "accepted organization" for the purpose of conducting required biennial examinations of fish processing vessels and voluntary examinations of all other commercial fishing industry vessels. Third party examinations of commercial fishing industry vessels should be conducted as outlined in enclosure (1).

Enclosures (2) through (4) are provided for your information. Enclosure (2) is a list of the Coast Guard fishing vessel safety coordinators and their phone numbers. Enclosures (3) and (4) are recent policies developed by the Coast Guard which affect the commercial fishing industry. NAMS has been added to our distribution list for Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars and policy letters that concern the commercial fishing industry.

I appreciate your concern and interest in promoting fishing vessel safety. I look forward to establishing a beneficial working relationship with NAMS in this very important safety initiative.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH A. ANGELO
U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Merchant Vessel Inspection
and Documentation Division
By direction of the Commandant

- Encl: (1) Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular No. 13-91, Fishing Industry Vessel Third Party Examination and Procedures for Designation of "Accepted Organizations" and "Similarly Qualified Organizations"
- (2) Coast Guard District Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinators
- (3) Commandant (G-MVI) Policy Letter #11-91
- (4) Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular No. 12-91, Termination of Unsafe Operations Aboard Commercial Fishing Industry Vessels